Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 05/23/13	Bureau/Station/Facility: South Patrol Division / Compton Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☑

Incident Information

URN: 013-06654-2826-013		Date: 05/23/13	Time: 1928
City or Station: Compton		Nature of Incident: Deputies Strong and [redacted] contacted a driver of a vehicle they believed was related to a shots fired call. When confronted by deputies the suspect pointed a handgun at the the deputies.	
Location: [redacted] East Palmer Street, Compton			

Location Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other: Side yard

Lighting (check only one):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☑ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (circle only one):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 10 feet

Incident Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☑ Fleeing Suspect
- ☑ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☑ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (check only one):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☑ Call
- ☐ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (check only one):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
4	0

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one)	ShiftType (check only one)
[redacted]	Hernandez	Etinay	NMN	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Garcia-Toscano	Ricardo	NMN	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]		M.I.	
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph: [redacted]	
Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]		M.I.	
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph: [redacted]	
Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]		M.I.	
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph: [redacted]	

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more)
[redacted]	Johnson	Eric		☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Ebbinga	Kurtis	H	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Stone	Mark	H

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JRN:

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
05/23/13	1000		07/16/2014

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Weber	Todd	P
[redacted]	Carrizosa	Slade	NMN
[redacted]	Trani	John	A

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1	UC						
S1	E1	FH	ZZ	38			NN	
E1	S1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	AD
E1	S1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	GR
E1	S1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	HD
S1	E2	UC						
S1	E2	FH	ZZ	38			NN	
E2	S1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	CH

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Involved Employee Information

URN:

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Strong	First Name: Dru	M.I.: M
Sex: M Race: W	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Compton	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 293B
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty Time (hrs): 6.5	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 510	Weight: 170		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta 92F	Caliber: 9mm # Shots: 3	Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta	Caliber: 9MM # Shots: 3
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]

E 2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:
Sex: [redacted] Race: [redacted]	Rank: [redacted]	Unit Assignment: [redacted]	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6	Duty Time (hrs): 6.5	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: [redacted]	Weight: [redacted]		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta 92F	Caliber: 9mm # Shots: 1	Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta	Caliber: 9MM # Shots: 1
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: M
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber # Shots	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Brown		First Name: Rashawn	M.I.: M
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: M Race: B	Street Address: [redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #: 557-87-4731	Driver's License #: D4957708
Age: D.O.B. 11/02/85	Height: 602 Weight: 150	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2013-03735	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Cocaine
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: Pontiac		Model: Grand Am	Year: 2000

S

Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

S

Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

S

Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING: HIT

CASE NUMBER: SH2335077

FILE NUMBER: 013-06654-2826-013

STATION/UNIT/BUREAU: Central Patrol Division/Compton Station

DATE/TIME/DAY: May 23, 2013, 1926 hours, Thursday

LOCATION: [redacted] East Palmer Street, Compton, CA

SYNOPSIS:

Deputy Dru Strong, #[redacted] and his [redacted], Deputy [redacted] were assigned to Compton Station when a call regarding shots fired in the area of Bradfield Avenue and San Luis Street was broadcast by the Sheriff's Communication Center (see Incident #CPT13143-0218, **Exhibit A, pages 51-54**). They were about one half mile southeast of the location of the call and self-assigned their unit to assist. Deputy Strong was driving and Deputy [redacted] was the bookman.

Deputies Strong and [redacted] drove west on Compton Boulevard and turned north on Bradfield Avenue. A black Pontiac, driven by Suspect Rashawn Brown, turned north on Bradfield Avenue from San Luis Street (one block north of them) simultaneous to their turn onto Bradfield Avenue. They noted the vehicle had tinted windows and believed it might be the source of the gunshots.

Deputy Strong accelerated to close the distance with the Suspect Brown, who was travelling at about twenty-five miles per hour. The deputies followed Suspect Brown for three to five seconds before he turned west on Palmer Street. They were approximately one half block behind Suspect Brown when he turned. Suspect Brown failed to activate the turn signal prior to making the left turn and accelerated as he exited the turn. Suspect Brown drove to the end of the cul-de-sac and stopped his vehicle. Deputy Strong activated the emergency lights on the patrol car as he stopped about four feet behind Suspect Brown's vehicle. He activated the lights to ensure Suspect Brown understood his intent to detain him.

Suspect Brown stopped in the middle of the street and immediately exited the vehicle. The deputies saw Suspect Brown grab the waistband portion of his pants. They did not see a firearm at this juncture, but believed he may be armed with a firearm due to his actions and the nature of the call. Both deputies drew their service weapons and ordered Suspect Brown to stop. Suspect Brown did not comply with these commands.

Suspect Brown ran south to the east side of the residence at [redacted] East Palmer Street, Compton, CA. Deputies Strong and [redacted] chased Suspect Brown as he ran between the east side of the house and a wrought iron fence which separated the property from the residence to the east. Deputy Strong broadcast a request for the Sheriff's Communication Center to put him on the patch as he ran. The deputies intended to chase Suspect Brown until he reached the fence, which was seventy-eight feet from Suspect Brown's vehicle. They planned to contain the area if he climbed the fence. The path between the house and the fence was approximately four feet wide.

Suspect Brown attempted to scale a six foot tall chain link gate at the south end of the walkway as Deputies Strong and [redacted] arrived at the north end of the pathway between the house and fence. Deputy Strong was to the east, near the wrought iron fence, and Deputy [redacted] was near the side of the residence. Deputy Strong was slightly in front of Deputy [redacted] as the narrow pathway did not allow them to stand side by side.

Suspect Brown was unsuccessful in his attempt to scale the fence and fell back to the north. He quickly turned toward the deputies as he landed and pointed a firearm at them with his right hand. Both deputies feared Suspect Brown was going to shoot them. Deputy Strong fired three rounds from his service weapon, and Deputy [redacted] fired one round. Suspect Brown fell to his knees and dropped the firearm on the ground.

Deputy [redacted] ordered Suspect Brown to lay on the ground while Deputy Strong requested assistance via his radio. Suspect Brown laid on the ground with his feet to the north toward the deputies, and his head near the gate. The firearm remained near his right hand. Suspect Brown was held at gunpoint pending the arrival of assisting units. He remained cooperative.

Deputy Strong recovered Suspect Brown's firearm and placed it in the trunk of his patrol car after Deputies [redacted] #[redacted] and Etinay Hernandez, #[redacted] arrived. He was concerned about its location near Suspect Brown's hand and put it in his trunk to

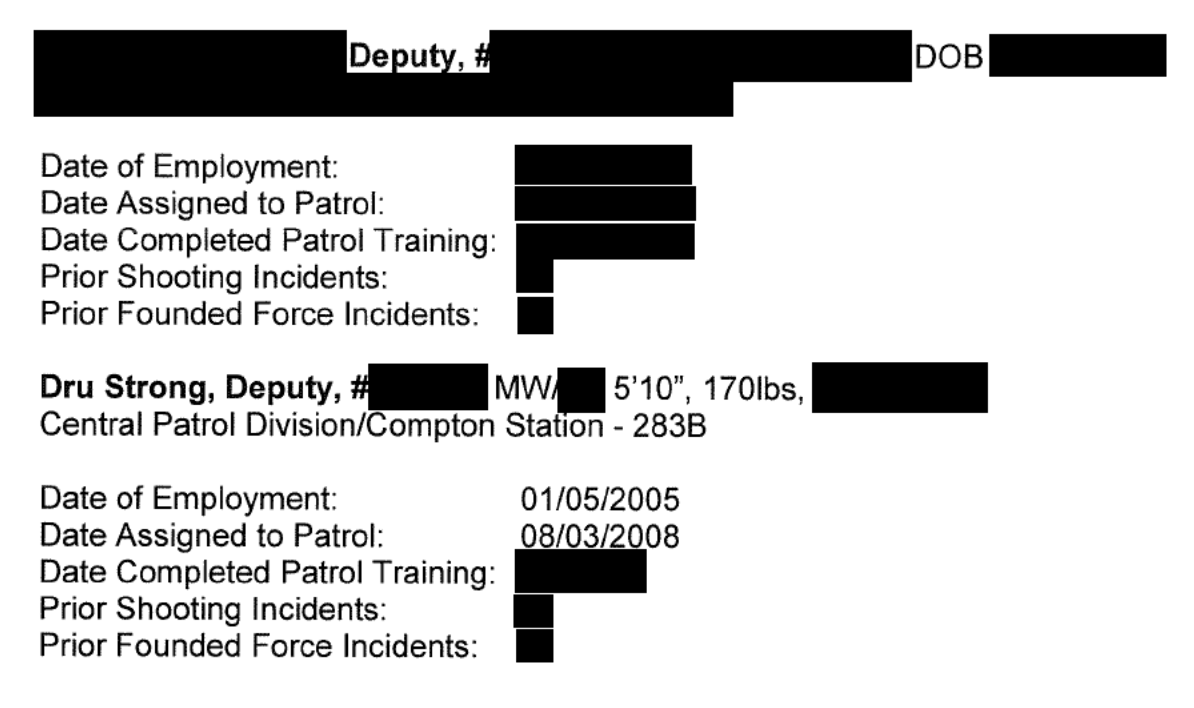
secure it. Deputy Ricardo Garcia Toscano, #[redacted] arrived and handcuffed Suspect Brown.

Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics arrived to provide medical treatment to Suspect Brown. He was transported via ambulance to Saint Francis Medical Center where he was pronounced dead during surgery.

Homicide Sergeant Brian Schoonmaker and Detective Timothy O'Quinn responded to conduct the criminal investigation. See a copy of the Homicide casebook labeled **Exhibit A.** IAB Lieutenant Todd Weber and Sergeants Slade Carrizosa and John Trani responded to conduct an administrative investigation.

The case was submitted to the Justice System Integrity Division of the District Attorney's Office for review. See copy of Letter of Opinion labeled **Exhibit B**.

<u>INVOLVED PERSONNEL:</u>



[redacted] **Deputy, #**[redacted] DOB [redacted]

Date of Employment: [redacted]
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

Dru Strong, Deputy, #[redacted] MW/[redacted] 5'10", 170lbs, [redacted]
Central Patrol Division/Compton Station - 283B

Date of Employment: 01/05/2005
Date Assigned to Patrol: 08/03/2008
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

SUSPECT:

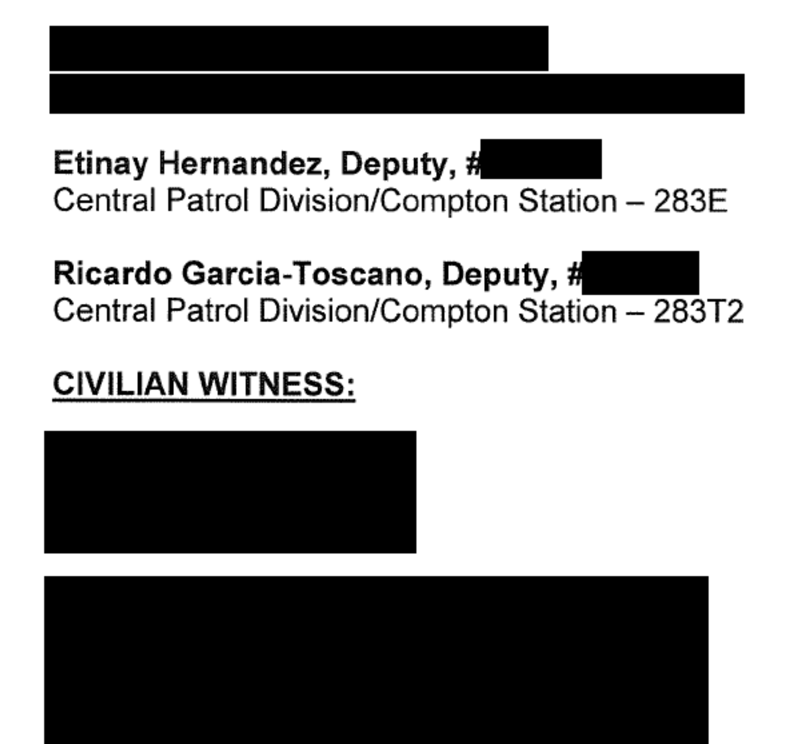
Rashawn Marquis Brown, MB/27, DOB 11/05/1985, 6'2", 150lbs

Suspect Brown received gunshot wounds to his chest, abdomen, groin, and left hand. He was transported via ambulance to Saint Francis Medical Center where he was pronounced dead during surgery by Doctor Reginald Jones. See Coroner's report, case #2013-03735, attached as **Exhibit A, pages 99-123**. A compact disc containing autopsy photographs is attached as **Exhibit J**.

A review of Suspect Brown's Consolidated Criminal History revealed convictions for [redacted]

> **IAB NOTE:** See **Exhibit C** for a complete copy of Suspect Brown's Consolidated Criminal History.

DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:



[redacted]

Etinay Hernandez, Deputy, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division/Compton Station – 283E

Ricardo Garcia-Toscano, Deputy, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division/Compton Station – 283T2

CIVILIAN WITNESS:

[redacted]

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

[redacted]

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

Homicide Bureau Sergeant Joseph Ramirez, #[redacted] and Detective Raymond Lugo, #[redacted] conducted an investigation of the scene. See copy of supplemental report documenting their investigation contained as **Exhibit A, pages 34-38.** Crime Lab personnel assisted with the collection of evidence. They also prepared sketches and photographed the scene. See reports **Exhibit A, pages 39-47**, and sketches **Exhibit A, pages 48-49.**

> **IAB Note:** A compact disc which contains a copy of the photographs taken by the Crime Lab personnel and audio recordings from the Homicide Bureau interviews is attached as **Exhibit D**.

RADIO TRAFFIC:

A copy of the radio traffic was obtained from the Sheriff's Communication Center, see two compact discs labeled **Exhibit E.** The following was broadcast via Dispatch 9:

19:25:00	Sheriff's Communication Center broadcast the call.
19:25:54	Deputy [redacted] broadcast they were code 6
19:26:39	Deputy Strong broadcast "10-33, give me the patch."
19:26:45	Deputy Strong broadcast a deputy involved shooting had occurred.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY:

Deputy [redacted]

Service Weapon Type:	9MM Beretta
Rounds Fired:	1
Ammunition Used:	WIN 9MM Luger
Date Last Qualified:	[redacted]

IAB NOTE: Deputy [redacted] service weapon and remaining fifteen live rounds of ammunition were submitted to the Crime Lab under receipt **#K392886**. There were four expended 9MM casings recovered at the scene. The Crime Lab tested the firearm for functionality, see **Exhibit A, pages 43-44,** for a copy of their report.

Deputy Dru Strong

Service Weapon Type:	9MM Beretta
Rounds Fired:	3
Ammunition used:	WIN 9MM Luger
Date Last Qualified:	[redacted]

IAB Note: Deputy Strong's service weapon and remaining thirteen live rounds of ammunition were submitted to the Crime Lab under receipt **#K392887**

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT:

Suspect Brown used a Highpoint Firearms, Model CF380, .380 caliber, semi-automatic handgun. This weapon was recovered with no ammunition.

IAB Note: Photographs of Suspect Brown's weapon were taken by Crime Lab personnel. See compact disc labeled **Exhibit D.** A printed copy of a photograph depicting Suspect Brown's weapon is attached as **Exhibit F.**

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR/CHARGES FILED:

Investigators: Sergeant Brian Schoonmaker and Detective Timothy O'Quinn

Charges Filed: None – Suspect deceased.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The shooting occurred during daylight hours. The weather was clear.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENT:

Deputy Dru Strong, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Sergeant Schoonmaker and Detective O'Quinn on May 24, 2013. The interviews were audio recorded and transcribed as **Jobs #42336 and 42337**. See Transcriptions section for a verbatim copy of the interviews. See **Exhibit A, pages 29 and 30** for a summary of the interviews.

Deputy Strong was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Watters and Lieutenant Carter on November 13, 2014. This interview was audio recorded and transcribed as **Jobs #43555 and 43556**. See Transcriptions section for a verbatim copy of the interview.

Deputy Strong was working a two-man patrol assignment with his [redacted], Deputy [redacted] when he heard the Sheriff's Communication Center broadcast a call regarding shots fired in the area of San Luis Street and Bradfield Avenue. They were about one half mile southeast of the location and self-assigned their unit to assist on the call.

Deputy Strong drove west on Compton Boulevard and turned north on Bradfield Avenue. He saw Suspect Brown's Pontiac turn from west on San Luis Street to North on Bradfield Avenue as he made the turn. Deputy Strong noted Suspect Brown's vehicle had tinted windows and was the only vehicle he saw in the area. He felt it might be related to the call and accelerated to close the gap between the vehicles. Suspect Brown was travelling at about twenty-five miles per hour on Bradfield Avenue. Approximately three to five seconds after he turned onto Bradfield Avenue, Deputy Strong was about one-half block behind Suspect Brown. Deputy Strong described the blocks as very short.

Suspect Brown made a left turn to west on Palmer Street without using his turn signal. He turned quickly but was not driving at an excessive speed or taking any obvious evasive action. Deputy Strong wasn't sure if Suspect Brown was aware of the patrol car behind him. Deputy Strong knew Palmer Street was a dead end.

Deputy Strong followed Suspect Brown west on Palmer Street. Suspect Brown stopped in the middle of the street at the dead end and immediately exited the vehicle. Deputy

Strong activated his emergency lights as he came to a stop behind Suspect Brown to make clear his intent to detain him.

Suspect Brown reached for his waistband as he exited the vehicle and ran south. Deputy Strong did not see a firearm but felt Suspect Brown may be armed based on his actions. Deputy Strong pointed his duty weapon at Suspect Brown and ordered him to stop running. Suspect Brown did not respond to the command.

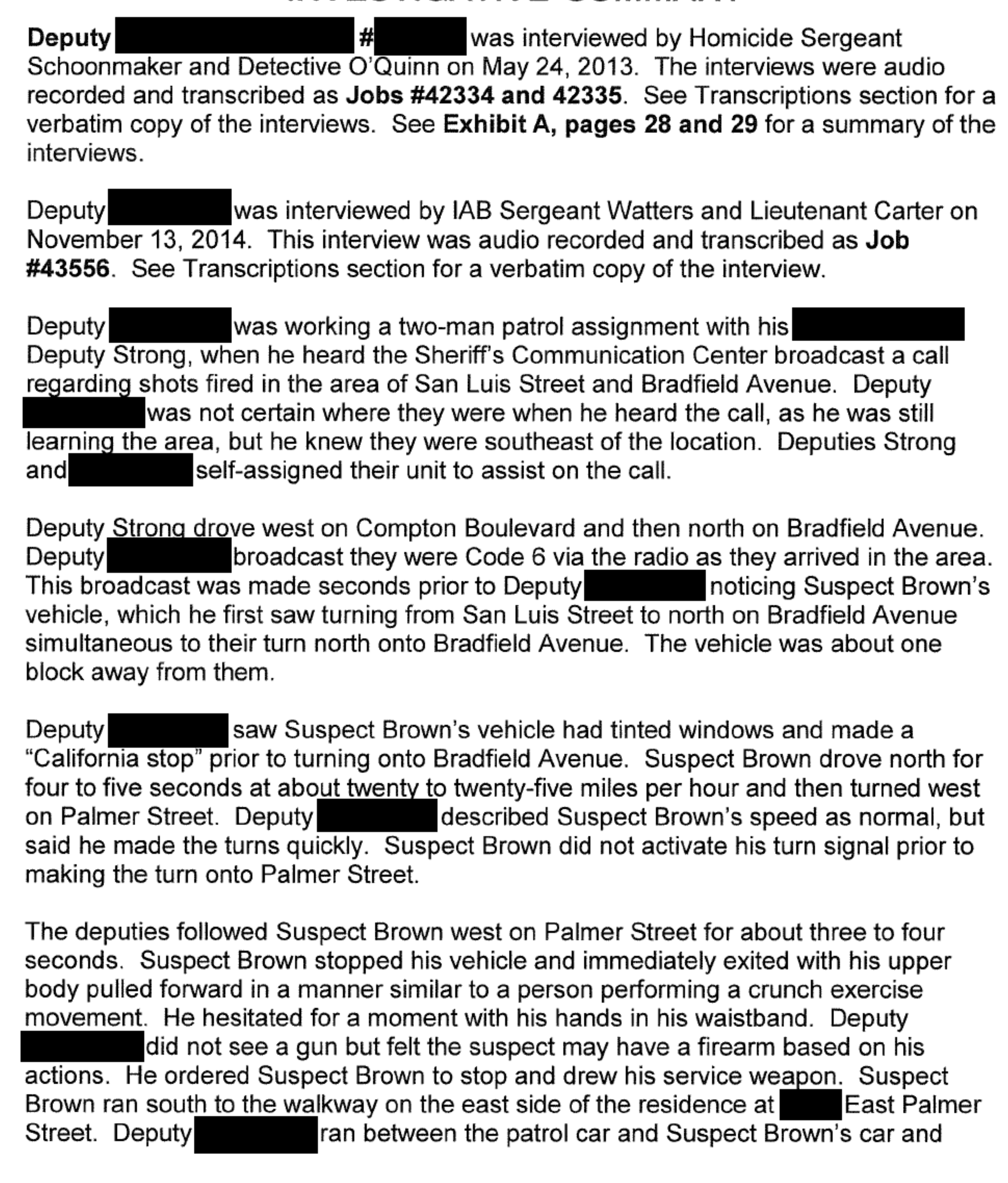
Suspect Brown ran to the east side of [redacted] East Palmer Street into a walkway between the east side of the house and a wrought iron fence which separates the property from the residence to the east. Deputies Strong and [redacted] followed. Deputy Strong broadcast a request for the duplex patch, to broadcast he was in foot pursuit, as he ran. Deputy Strong intended to detain Suspect Brown if he stopped or contain the area if he scaled a fence. He did not remember a response from Sheriff's Communication Center.

Deputies Strong and [redacted] reached the pathway between the house and fence as Suspect Brown tried to scale the chain link gate at the south end. The path was too narrow for the deputies to stand side by side. They continued south with Deputy Strong to the east near the wrought iron fence, slightly in front of Deputy [redacted]

Suspect Brown's attempt to scale the gate was unsuccessful. He fell back to his feet on the north side of the gate with the deputies. He faced the deputies and pointed a firearm at them. Deputy Strong feared he would be shot and fired three rounds. Deputy Strong estimated the shooting occurred approximately two to three seconds after he began the foot pursuit.

Suspect Brown fell to the ground with his head facing to the south and legs toward the deputies. The gun was on the ground near Suspect Brown's right hand. Deputies Strong and [redacted] detained Suspect Brown at gunpoint while Deputy Strong broadcast he had been in a shooting. Deputy Strong recovered Suspect Brown's firearm after Deputy [redacted] and his [redacted] arrived to assist. He secured the firearm in the trunk of his patrol car.

IAB Note: Deputy Strong was shown a copy of two photographs of the residence at [redacted] East Palmer Street, two maps, and a crime scene sketch during his interview. See **Exhibit G**.



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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Deputy [redacted] **#** [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Sergeant Schoonmaker and Detective O'Quinn on May 24, 2013. The interviews were audio recorded and transcribed as **Jobs #42334 and 42335**. See Transcriptions section for a verbatim copy of the interviews. See **Exhibit A, pages 28 and 29** for a summary of the interviews.

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Watters and Lieutenant Carter on November 13, 2014. This interview was audio recorded and transcribed as **Job #43556**. See Transcriptions section for a verbatim copy of the interview.

Deputy [redacted] was working a two-man patrol assignment with his [redacted] Deputy Strong, when he heard the Sheriff's Communication Center broadcast a call regarding shots fired in the area of San Luis Street and Bradfield Avenue. Deputy [redacted] was not certain where they were when he heard the call, as he was still learning the area, but he knew they were southeast of the location. Deputies Strong and [redacted] self-assigned their unit to assist on the call.

Deputy Strong drove west on Compton Boulevard and then north on Bradfield Avenue. Deputy [redacted] broadcast they were Code 6 via the radio as they arrived in the area. This broadcast was made seconds prior to Deputy [redacted] noticing Suspect Brown's vehicle, which he first saw turning from San Luis Street to north on Bradfield Avenue simultaneous to their turn north onto Bradfield Avenue. The vehicle was about one block away from them.

Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Brown's vehicle had tinted windows and made a "California stop" prior to turning onto Bradfield Avenue. Suspect Brown drove north for four to five seconds at about twenty to twenty-five miles per hour and then turned west on Palmer Street. Deputy [redacted] described Suspect Brown's speed as normal, but said he made the turns quickly. Suspect Brown did not activate his turn signal prior to making the turn onto Palmer Street.

The deputies followed Suspect Brown west on Palmer Street for about three to four seconds. Suspect Brown stopped his vehicle and immediately exited with his upper body pulled forward in a manner similar to a person performing a crunch exercise movement. He hesitated for a moment with his hands in his waistband. Deputy [redacted] did not see a gun but felt the suspect may have a firearm based on his actions. He ordered Suspect Brown to stop and drew his service weapon. Suspect Brown ran south to the walkway on the east side of the residence at [redacted] East Palmer Street. Deputy [redacted] ran between the patrol car and Suspect Brown's car and

glanced inside the vehicle to ensure there were no other occupants. Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy Strong broadcast "10-33" as they ran south after Suspect Brown.

Suspect Brown tried to scale a gate at the south end of the walkway as Deputies Strong and [redacted] arrived at the northeast corner of the residence. The deputies were about eight to ten feet away from Suspect Brown when his attempt to scale the gate failed and he landed on his feet on the north side of the gate. Suspect Brown immediately turned to his left to face the deputies as he landed. He pointed a firearm at the deputies and Deputy [redacted] fired one round at Suspect Brown in response to the threat. Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy Strong fire his weapon, but he did not remember how many rounds Deputy Strong fired.

Suspect Brown dropped to his knees and Deputy [redacted] ordered him to lay down and drop the gun. Suspect Brown leaned forward, then back, and finally went down on his side. The gun was on the ground near him. Deputy Strong broadcast radio traffic while Deputy [redacted] detained Suspect Brown at gunpoint. He was relieved by an unknown deputy who informed Deputy [redacted] that his left hand was bleeding. Deputy [redacted] did not know how the injury to his hand occurred.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy [redacted] was shown a copy of two photographs of the residence at [redacted] East Palmer Street, two maps, and a crime scene sketch during his interview. See **Exhibit H**.

<u>EMPLOYEE WITNESS STATEMENT:</u>

Deputy [redacted] responded to the scene after the shooting occurred. His actions are documented in a complaint report and supplemental report attached as **Exhibit A, pages 1-10**.

Deputy Etinay Hernandez responded to the scene after the shooting occurred. Her actions are documented in a complaint report and supplemental report attached as **Exhibit A, pages 1-10**.

Deputy Ricardo Garcia Toscano responded to the scene after the shooting occurred. His actions are documented in a complaint report and supplemental report attached as **Exhibit A, pages 11-12**.

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CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENT:

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Schoonmaker and Detective O'Quinn on May 24, 2013. This interview was not recorded. See **Exhibit A, page 27-28** for a summary of this interview.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Watters and Hernandez on January 22, 2015. This interview was audio recorded and transcribed as **Job #44321.** See Transcriptions section for a verbatim copy of the interview.

Witness [redacted] was in the front room of her residence, located at [redacted] when she heard the sound of her [redacted] Suspect Brown's, vehicle traveling west on Palmer Street toward the cul-de-sac. She ran to the front yard and saw a patrol car follow Suspect Brown to the end of the street.

Witness [redacted] ran west on the south sidewalk. Suspect Brown exited the car immediately after he stopped and ran toward the houses on the south side of the street. Witness [redacted] did not see a firearm or believe he possessed a firearm. Suspect Brown ran south out of her view when she was in front of [redacted]

Witness [redacted] heard six gunshots. She could not see Suspect Brown at the time of the shooting and was prevented from going to his location by deputies.

IAB Note: Photographs were taken during the interview of Witness [redacted] by Internal Affairs Bureau, see **Exhibit I**. The photographs depict the following views:

IMG_0056/IMG_0057: Witness [redacted] position near the yellow vehicle in front of [redacted] when she lost the view of Suspect Brown.

IMG_0058/IMG_0059: View from driveway at [redacted] East Palmer Street with Sergeant Hernandez standing in front of [redacted]

IMG_0060: View from the north side of the gate where the shooting occurred.

IMG_0061: View of the driveway of [redacted] East Palmer Street from the sidewalk.

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Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Schoonmaker and Detective O'Quinn on May 24, 2013. This interview was audio recorded and transcribed as **Job #42332**. See Transcriptions section for a verbatim copy of the interview. See **Exhibit A, page 28**, for a summary of the interview.

Witness [redacted] did not see the shooting occur.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Schoonmaker and Detective O'Quinn on May 24, 2013. This interview was audio recorded and transcribed as **Job #42333**. See Transcriptions section for a verbatim copy of the interview. See **Exhibit A, page 31,** for a summary of the interview.

Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Brown exit his vehicle holding a gun near his waistband and run toward the side of a house on the south side of Palmer Street. He did not see the shooting.